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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Calexico – “El Chapo’s” Godson Turns Himself in at Calexico Border

(U) A young man said to be the godson of Mexican drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman, on the run amid a power struggle over the powerful Sinaloa cartel, has turned himself in to US authorities at the border in Calexico in Imperial County. Damaso Lopez Serrano, known as “Mini Lic,” presented himself to US Customs and Border Protection officers at the US-Mexico crossing on 27 July and was then handed over to US Drug Enforcement Administration agents. Mexican authorities had been hunting for Lopez Serrano in neighboring Mexicali. There did not appear to be any current charges filed against him.

SOURCE: 29 July 2017, [The Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Power Outage at Dispatch Center Keeps LAPD on Tactical Alert

(U) The Los Angeles Police Department activated a citywide tactical alert on 29 July after a power outage the day before knocked out its downtown dispatch center. All 911 calls were rerouted through the LAPD’s San Fernando Valley dispatch center and response times were not affected by the outage. It is not known what caused the outage.

SOURCE: 29 July 2017, [The Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Nine Hurt as Vehicle Crashes Into Crowd

(U) Nine people were injured, one critically, in Los Angeles yesterday when a van that collided with a pickup truck jumped the curb and slammed into an outdoor dining area, authorities said, calling it a “complete accident.” The incident bore initial similarities to vehicle attacks by Islamist militants in Europe and Israel. Last month, a man drove a van into a crowd of worshippers leaving a London mosque but LAPD reported this incident as an accident.

SOURCE: 30 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Oroville – Narcotics Officers Seize \$483,000 Worth of Marijuana in Operation

(U) An estimated \$483,000 worth of marijuana and butane honey oil were seized after narcotics officers served a search warrant at a metal shop in Oroville. Members of the Butte County Sheriff’s Office’s Special Enforcement Unit and the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force served the warrant on 28 July. A total of 778 marijuana plants were located in various hydroponic rooms, along with 132 pounds of processed marijuana, packaged for sale. The cost of the hydroponic system equipment was estimated at more than \$500,000. Outside the shop was a large enclosed trailer containing a mobile butane honey oil lab with equipment valued at more than \$50,000.

SOURCE: 27 July 2017, [The Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) San Jose – British Interior Minister to Push Silicon Valley on Countering Militants

(U) Britain’s interior minister plans to travel to Silicon Valley this week to ask social media companies such as YouTube to step up efforts to counter or remove content that incites militants. After four militant attacks in Britain which killed 36 people this year, senior ministers have repeatedly demanded

that the world's biggest internet companies do more to suppress extremist content and allow access to encrypted communications.

SOURCE: 31 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – One Inmate Is Still At Large After Mass Jailbreak

(U) Birmingham – Alabama authorities are searching for an escaped prisoner after a mass jailbreak involving 12 men, the local Sheriff's office said today. Eleven of the 12 inmates who escaped from Walker County Jail were recaptured. A photo on the page showed Brady Kilpatrick, the 24-year-old inmate who was still at large, but gave no details of when or how the escape took place. The dozen escapees, all men aged 18 to 30, were imprisoned on charges including robbery, attempted murder, domestic violence and drug possession.

SOURCE: 31 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia – Police Arrest Four Men Allegedly Plotting To Bomb Airplane

(U) Melbourne – Australian officials say they have arrested four men in connection with a plot to bomb an airplane, following raids on 29 July. Police say the plot was "Islamic-inspired." The plot is reportedly more sophisticated than the lone wolf attacks that have struck Australia before. The federal government announced tougher security processes at all major Australian airports in response to the arrests. Airlines and airports are urging travelers to limit their baggage and arrive earlier for domestic and international flights, as tougher security measures prompt concerns of travel delays across the country.

SOURCE: 30 July 2017, [NPR](#), [The Guardian](#)

(U) Germany – Suspect In Knife Attack Was Known To Police

(U) Hamburg – The German police said that the 26-year-old man accused of killing one person and wounding five others with a knife in Hamburg was known to them as a recently radicalized Islamist, but that they did not believe he posed an imminent danger. The authorities in Hamburg were still piecing together what motivated the man, a Palestinian born in the United Arab Emirates, to attack shoppers and passers-by in and around a supermarket on 28 July. Authorities said that they had so far found no indication that the man had any links to local or international terrorist groups, but that they were still looking into his background.

SOURCE: 29 July 2017, [The New York Times](#)

(U) Nigeria – 14 Killed After Suicide Bombing Attack

(U) Dikwa – Authorities in northeastern Nigeria say at least 14 people are dead after a suicide bombing blamed on the Boko Haram extremist group. Reports indicate a female suicide bomber snuck into a building on 28 July in Dikwa and detonated her explosives. Volunteers said at least two dozen others were wounded. Meanwhile, three geologists abducted in an ambush attack on 25 July by Boko Haram insurgents have appeared in new video calling on the Nigerian government to negotiate the workers' release. Authorities say at least 48 people were killed in that attack near Lake Chad.

SOURCE: 29 July 2017, [The Wall Street Journal](#)

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